

House Study Bill 52

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PUBLIC SAFETY BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to electrician licensure by modifying existing
2 classifications and specifying new classifications.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 103.1, Code 2009, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsections:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11A. "Residential electrician" means a
1 4 person having the necessary qualifications, training,
1 5 experience, and technical knowledge to perform a residential
1 6 installation.
1 7 NEW SUBSECTION. 11B. "Residential installation" means the
1 8 wiring for or installation of electrical wiring, apparatus,
1 9 and equipment in a residence consisting of no more than four
1 10 living units within the same building.
1 11 NEW SUBSECTION. 11C. "Residential master electrician"
1 12 means a person having the necessary qualifications, training,
1 13 experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out,
1 14 and supervise the performance of a residential installation.
1 15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 103.12A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICIAN AND
1 16 RESIDENTIAL MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSE == QUALIFICATIONS.
1 17 1. The board may by rule provide for the issuance of a
1 18 residential electrician license, and may by rule provide for
1 19 the issuance of a residential master electrician license.
1 20 a. A residential electrician license or residential master
1 21 electrician license, if established by the board, shall be
1 22 issued to applicants who meet qualifications determined by the
1 23 board, and shall be valid for the performance of residential
1 24 installations, subject to limitations or restrictions
1 25 established by the board.
1 26 b. A person who, on or after the effective date of this
1 27 Act, holds a special electrician license authorizing
1 28 residential electrical installation, granted pursuant to
1 29 section 103.13, shall be eligible for conversion of that
1 30 special license to either a residential electrician license or
1 31 a residential master electrician license, if established by
1 32 the board, in accordance with requirements and procedures
1 33 established by the board.
1 34 2. A person licensed by the board as a journeyman or
1 35 master electrician shall not be required to hold a residential
2 1 electrician or residential master electrician license to
2 2 perform any type of residential installation authorized for a
2 3 person licensed pursuant to this section.
2 4 3. The board may reject an application for licensure under
2 5 this section from an applicant who would be subject to
2 6 suspension, revocation, or reprimand pursuant to section
2 7 103.35.
2 8 Sec. 3. Section 103.13, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 9 follows:
2 10 103.13 SPECIAL ELECTRICIAN LICENSE == QUALIFICATIONS.
2 11 1. The board shall by rule provide for the issuance of
2 12 special electrician licenses authorizing the licensee to
2 13 engage in a limited class or classes of electrical work, which
2 14 class or classes shall be specified on the license. Each
2 15 licensee shall have experience, acceptable to the board, in
2 16 each such limited class of work for which the person is
2 17 licensed. ~~The board may reject an application for licensure~~
~~2 18 under this section from an applicant who would be subject to~~
~~2 19 suspension, revocation, or reprimand pursuant to section~~

2 20 103.35.

2 21 2. Notwithstanding section 103.8, a person who holds a
2 22 special electrician license is not required to obtain an
2 23 electrical contractor license to engage in the business of
2 24 providing new electrical installations or any other electrical
2 25 services if such installations or services fall within the
2 26 limited class of special electrical work for which the person
2 27 holds the special electrician license.

2 28 3. The board may reject an application for licensure under
2 29 this section from an applicant who would be subject to
2 30 suspension, revocation, or reprimand pursuant to section
2 31 103.35.

2 32 Sec. 4. Section 103.19, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 33 2009, is amended to read as follows:

2 34 a. For each year of the three-year license period for
2 35 issuance and renewal:

3 1 (1) Electrical contractor, one hundred twenty-five
3 2 dollars.

3 3 (2) Class A master electrician, class B master
3 4 electrician, residential master electrician, one hundred
3 5 twenty-five dollars.

3 6 (3) Class A journeyman electrician, class B journeyman
3 7 electrician, residential electrician, or special electrician,
3 8 twenty-five dollars.

3 9 Sec. 5. Section 103.29, subsection 4, Code 2009, is
3 10 amended to read as follows:

3 11 4. A political subdivision is authorized to determine what
3 12 work may be performed by a class B licensee within the
3 13 jurisdictional limits of the political subdivision, provided,
3 14 however, that a political subdivision shall not prohibit a
3 15 class B licensee from performing any type of work that the
3 16 licensee was authorized to perform within the political
3 17 subdivision under the authority of a license validly issued or
3 18 recognized by the political subdivision on or after December
3 19 31, 2007.

3 20 Sec. 6. Section 103.33, subsection 3, Code 2009, is
3 21 amended to read as follows:

3 22 3. Upon receipt of notice of appeal from a condemnation or
3 23 disconnection order because the electrical installation is not
3 24 in compliance with accepted standards of construction for
3 25 safety to health and property, except as provided in
3 26 subsection 2, the order appealed from shall be stayed until
3 27 final decision of the board and the board shall notify the
3 28 property owner and the electrical contractor, class A master
3 29 electrician, class B master electrician, fire alarm installer,
3 30 ~~or~~ special electrician, or if established by the board the
3 31 residential master electrician, making the installation. The
3 32 power supplier shall also be notified in those instances in
3 33 which the order has been served on such supplier.

3 34 EXPLANATION

3 35 This bill modifies specified existing provisions relating
4 1 to electrician licensure and authorizes two new licensure
4 2 classifications.

4 3 The bill provides that the electrical examining board may
4 4 establish by rule a residential electrician classification and
4 5 a residential master electrician licensure classification to
4 6 perform residential installations. A "residential
4 7 installation" is defined in the bill as wiring for or
4 8 installing electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment in a
4 9 residence consisting of no more than four living units within
4 10 the same building. A "residential electrician" refers to a
4 11 person having the necessary qualifications, training,
4 12 experience, and technical knowledge to perform a residential
4 13 installation, and a "residential master electrician" refers to
4 14 a person having the necessary qualifications, training,
4 15 experience, and technical knowledge to properly plan, lay out,
4 16 and supervise the performance of a residential installation.
4 17 The bill authorizes the board to determine licensure
4 18 qualifications, limitations, and restrictions for the two new
4 19 classifications if the classifications are established,
4 20 provides for conversion of an existing special electrician
4 21 license authorizing residential installations to one of the
4 22 new classifications if established, and exempts specified
4 23 existing licensure classifications from requirements
4 24 applicable to the new classifications. The bill contains
4 25 corresponding changes regarding licensing fees and
4 26 notification procedures relating to an appeal from an order of
4 27 condemnation or disconnection by the board. License fee
4 28 amounts are \$125 for a residential master electrician, and \$25
4 29 for a residential electrician.

4 30 The bill additionally provides that a political subdivision

4 31 shall not prohibit a class B licensee from performing any type
4 32 of work that the licensee was authorized to perform within the
4 33 political subdivision under the authority of a license validly
4 34 issued or recognized by the political subdivision on or after
4 35 December 31, 2007.
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